



Aerial Lift Safety – November 3, 2025

The most important tip to remember before operating any aerial lift platform is *always read and follow* the manufacturer's safety and operation manual! Employees of Brieser Construction Company will not operate an aerial lift/man-lift unless they have received training in accordance with Section 27 of Brieser Safety Manual and OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.67.

Safe Operating Procedures for Both Man lifts and Scissor Lifts:

- Only trained and authorized people should operate the lift. A qualified instructor must make sure that every operator reads and/or understands the equipment's safety and operating instructions. This includes all of the warning decals and labels mounted on the machine. The operator and any attendant must know how to lower the lift when the power is not operating and in an emergency.
- Prior to each shift, a safety inspection should be completed by the operator; this includes both a visual inspection and a function test. If a problem is found, get the lift repaired before it is used. Document the inspection on the **DAILY AERIAL LIFT INSPECTION SHEET**.
- Personal fall arrest systems are required to be used in all boom lifts at all times. Personal fall arrest systems are required in scissor lifts by some of our customers and are recommended at all other times.
- Always check for overhead obstructions before driving or elevating the platform. In some cases, a spotter may be necessary. Ask for help if you have to work in congested areas, around critical or delicate equipment, or where multiple obstructions make maneuvering the lift difficult. Flagging or marking obstructions may help to make them more readily noticed.
- Aerial Lifts shall be flagged using caution tape around the work area including but not limited to the Aerial lift body. The purpose is to alert others of the potential travel hazard as well as overhead falling objects.
- When moving the lift into position, make sure that the floor or ground surfaced can support the lift. Make sure that there are no holes, drop-offs or obstructions in the path of travel. Always warn any bystanders that you are moving the lift.
- Always maintain a safe distance from debris piles, drop-offs, floor openings, etc.
- Never drive the man lift when it is elevated above the limit the manufacturer considers safe. Each piece of equipment will state what the maximum extension can be while being driven.
- Elevate the platform only when it is on a firm, level surface. Although many lifts look like a rough terrain piece of equipment, they are not. Their large tires allow the equipment to access somewhat difficult areas, but once in position they are designed to be out of level only 5degrees.
- Never use the lift's rails, planks across the rails, or a ladder, to gain additional height.
- Never modify an Aerial Lift without the manufacturer's written approval.



